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MOB THIRSTY FOR BLOOD.

Barnwell People Seek to Butcher Negroes Arrested on Suspicion.

GOVERNOR BLEASE TELEGRAPHS THAT MILITIA BE CALLED OUT AND THAT SHERIFF ARM POSSES TO PRESERVE ORDER IN CITY—CALLS ON GOVERNMENT CANDIDATE TO AID—PEOPLE ANGERED AT KILLING OF BARNWELL CITIZEN BY NEGRO.

Columbia, Dec. 4.—Angered at the killing of E. Peyton Best, a prominent white merchant of Barnwell, a mob of determined white men formed this morning bent on lynching some forty negroes who had been arrested charged with the killing, according to a long distance telephone message from Senator Patterson of Barnwell to Governor Blease. The mob, with set faces and heavily armed, were making ominous preparations according to the report.

Gov. Blease has ordered the military company at Barnwell under arms. To its captain, Emile Harley, he wired "Assemble your company and do what is necessary to preserve the peace."

Another telegram to Sheriff J. B. Morris, read, "Use every effort at your command, call out posse comitatus, swear in extra deputies, and do everything to preserve peace and order there. I warn you not to fail in the discharge of your duties."

Not content with this effort to preserve the peace Gov. Blease wired to Charles Carroll Simms, a candidate for governor who lives at Barnwell:

"Please use your influence to preserve order and to see that the law is vindicated."

Having ordered out the military, instructed the sheriff to swear in extra deputies and call out a posse Governor Blease felt that he had done all he could to avert a lynching.

E. Peyton Best, a merchant of Barnwell, was shot dead on the streets last night while leaving a restaurant and some forty negroes were rounded up and locked in jail under suspicion of being the guilty parties. All night the white men of Barnwell, in posses heavily armed, combed the by-ways and brought in negro suspects. As the night wore on the deep resentment broke forth into smoldering flames and this morning as men came in from the country and gathering began to take on a definite organization a call came to Columbia for the military.

The situation is tense and news from Barnwell is eagerly awaited.

The Barnwell company was one of the five recommended to be mustered out of service by the Secretary of War.

CHIHUAHUA FUGITIVES PERISH.

TRAIL OF DEATH MARKS JOURNEY ACROSS DESERT.

Meeting from Rebels Federal Soldiers and Civilians Meet Death in Forty Mile Wilderness Between Chihuahua and American Border.

Marfa, Texas, Dec. 4.—A trail of death marks the path of the thousands of Mexican fugitives, the band being composed of Federal soldiers and civilians fleeing from the vicinity of Chihuahua City to the United States border.

It is feared that many Americans are among the refugees. The bodies of those dead and dying from hunger and fatigue upon the desert are monuments to mark the trail of the suffering and panic stricken fugitives. The desert is forty miles wide, with no water or vegetation except cactus. Most of the fugitives are afoot and the vanguard is approaching the border. Among them is Luis Terraza, a ranch owner and gold mine millionaire. Three thousand Federal troops are among the stragglers who will surrender to American authorities rather than face annihilation by the Constitutionalists.

City at Mercy of Bandits.

El Paso, Texas, Dec. 4.—Two hundred soldiers, who were left in Chihuahua City to police the city until the Constitutionalists take possession, deserted today and are now in full flight toward the American border. This leaves the city with fifty thousand inhabitants at the mercy of bandits and looters.

RECEIVE APPOINTMENTS.

Misses Mabel Bowman and Virginia Cooper to Work in Engraving Department.

Columbia, Dec. 4.—Miss Mabel Bowman of Sumter and Miss Virginia Cooper of Wiaacky were appointed to the engraving department by the attorney general today.

MRS PANKHURST ARRESTED.

Seized and Rushed to Prison Upon Arrival in England.

Plymouth, Eng., Dec. 4.—Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the militant suffragist leader was arrested today aboard the liner Majestic, taken on a tug and rushed to Davenport and thence rushed to London in automobile. She must serve a year and a half imprisonment, finishing her former sentence of three years.

Wilson Remains in Room.

Washington, Dec. 4.—President Wilson, because of his cold, remained in his room today. He cancelled all his engagements.

CONFIDENT OF THE FUTURE.

WASHINGTON OFFICIALS EXPECT GOOD RESULTS.

Look for Settlement of Trouble as a Result of the Internal Operations.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Government officials here today were more than ever confident that the patience the United States has shown in its treatment of the Mexican problem soon is to be rewarded by a solution brought about by operation of the great internal forces now engaged in a final struggle in Mexico. Such a conclusion has been the one objective point of the American administration.

Among the facts which form the basis of belief that the closing chapters of the Huerta regime now are being written is a report to the state department from agents in Mexico that the federal troops no longer are in receipt of their pay, without which experience has shown their loyalty can not be depended upon.

Other reports regarded as indicating the speedy triumph of the constitutional forces relating to the prelate flight of the heads of the families which have controlled vast estates in northern Mexico. Their flight and the abandonment of their properties deprives the Huerta government of a source of revenue which at present is much needed.

Inquiry that has been unofficially made into the reports that large shipments of arms and ammunition have been ordered by the Huerta government and now were on their way to Mexico has developed the fact that such orders as are being filled were placed many months ago, in the early days of the present revolution, when it seemed insignificant.

There today was no change recorded in the disposition of American military or naval forces in Mexican waters.

The navy department announced that the 700 marines who yesterday arrived at Pensacola, Fla., on the Prairie had been kept aboard ship because there were not sufficient quarters ashore at present for all of them. The plan is to keep some of the men permanently aboard ship.

PRIEST KILLED AND CREMATED.

Rebel Forces Murder Women and Children and Kill Priest, then Burn his Body.

Mexico City, Dec. 4.—Constitutionalist troops today are bombarding Mazatlan, the chief Pacific port. They opened rifle fire last night killing fifty. Citizens are fleeing into the country. Coacatlan was captured by the Rebels today, thirty people, mostly women and children were killed. A priest was shot to death then burned after giving bandits four thousand pesos.

MERCHANT SHOT TO DEATH.

E. PEYTON BEST KILLED ON PRINCIPAL STREET OF BARNWELL.

Officers Lead Poses in Search for the Man Who Fired the Fatal Shot—Many Arrests Made and Men Committed to Well-Guarded Jail.

Barnwell, Dec. 3.—E. Peyton Best, a well known merchant of Barnwell, was shot and almost instantly killed here tonight. The shooting was done on Wall street, only 50 yards from the court house and about 100 yards from Mr. Best's grocery store. About 20 negroes have been arrested and committed to the county jail, where they are held as suspects. The fatal shot was evidently fired by a negro. Two shots were fired, only one of which took effect. The bullet entered the back and passed through the body near the heart, the wounded man dying in two minutes after he was shot.

The shots were fired at 9.10 o'clock. Mr. Best had been to a restaurant for supper and was walking up the street when two shots were fired, Vince Dunbar and Arthur Harden were standing in the door of a pool room, a few yards away, and toward them the wounded man staggered, exclaiming: "Oh, Lord, boys, I'm shot." As he fell, Mr. Harden caught him and he was carried into the pool room where he died in two minutes.

Officers at once began a hunt for the man or men who fired the shots, and soon between 15 and 20 negroes were arrested as suspects. The county bloodhounds were secured but have been unable to accomplish anything.

After the wholesale round-up of suspects another negro was brought in and placed in jail. It is said that against this negro strong circumstantial evidence is directed. A strong guard was thrown around the jail. Other arrests will probably follow.

It is believed that the shots came from a crowd of negroes standing behind Mr. Best. It is said that Mr. Best had been jostled by negroes on the streets and that trouble had been narrowly averted. A negro is said to have drawn a revolver and three times attempted to fire at Mr. Best, the weapon missing fire each time.

The town of Barnwell is excited over the affair, and officers and other citizens are searching for clues to establish the identity of the man who fired the shot.

The coroner secured a jury which viewed the body, after which it was removed to Mr. Best's late home. The inquest will be continued tomorrow morning.

Mr. Best was 36 years of age and was a native of Barnwell. He is survived by his wife and five small children. Mrs. Best is prostrated by the shock.

No arrangements for the funeral have been made.

FATE OF LOPEZ UNKNOWN.

Poisonous Fumes of Gas Still Pouring Into Mine Prison.

Bingham, Utah, Dec. 3.—Behind its double bulkheads, the Utah-Apex Mine tonight still held secret the fate of Ralph Lopez, slayer of six men. The smudges that were ignited Monday continued to pour their poisonous gases into the upper workings until late tonight, when they were allowed to die down.

Many miners contend there is a possibility that Lopez is safe from the gases in some recess of the mine where air may be hid, or that he may have escaped through some unwatched exit before the fumes became overpowering.

Lopez killed a Mexican miner on November 21 in a fit of jealousy and followed this crime by killing three peace officers. After a long chase he last Thursday took refuge in the mine where Saturday he killed two more deputies.

HUERTA BECOMES ENRAGED.

Fears That He Will Endeavor to Wreak Vengeance on Foreigners.

Mexico City, Dec. 4.—President Huerta today was enraged by congress refusing to endorse his plan to raise an army of one hundred and fifty thousand men. Government supplies, however, are daily becoming scarce and even if Huerta secures the army he will be unable to equip or feed it. Anxiety among Americans is increasing daily in fear that when Huerta finds himself completely at bay he will wreak vengeance against foreigners, especially Americans.

BEAUTIFUL CHURCH WEDDING.

MISS ELIZABETH ALLEN RICHARDSON BECOMES BRIDE OF MR. HENRY BURCHILL RICHARDSON.

Church of the Holy Comforter Beautifully Decorated for Occasion by Junior Guild—Reception Tendered Bridal Couple Immediately After Ceremony Was Well Attended.

On Wednesday evening at 8.30 o'clock Miss Elizabeth Allen Richardson, daughter of Col. and Mrs. Richard C. Richardson, became the bride of Mr. Henry Burchill Richardson, of Summerton, a well known and popular planter of Clarendon County, the ceremony being performed in the Church of the Holy Comforter.

The wedding was a beautiful one and the church was packed with the numerous friends and relatives of the bride and groom, who had gathered for the occasion. The interior of the church had been most tastefully and beautifully decorated in an artistic color scheme of white and pink, with the woodwork of the church appropriately draped and covered with smilax and ferns, and palms and other potted plants banked around the altar. This was the work of the Junior Guild, of which the bride was a member, and was done under the direction of Mrs. J. C. Huger, who superintended the decorating.

The bridal party entered to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, beautifully rendered by Mrs. Charles W. Kingman, the bride coming in last with her father. At the altar she was met by the groom, attended by his best man, Mr. Emanuel Rickenbaker, of Summerton, who had entered from a side door. At the altar the two plighted their troths as man and wife in the impressive Episcopal Church marriage ceremony, the Rev. Robert T. Phillips, rector of the church, officiating. While the ceremony was being performed Mrs. Kingman sang a beautiful hymn, and Mendelssohn's Wedding March was again played as the bridal party left the church.

The bride was beautiful in a gown of white crepe meteor trimmed with lace and pearls. She wore a bride's veil, en train, and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses and lilies of the valley.

Miss Eleanor Richardson, a sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She was dressed in a handsome gown of pink crepe de chine, en train, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

The bride's maids were Misses Annie Richardson, a sister of the bride, Miss Ethel Carson, Miss Elizabeth Boykin of Camden; Miss Margaret Manning of Spartanburg, and Miss Susan Richardson of Columbia. They were dressed in white and carried pink carnations.

The groomsmen were Messrs. Percy Harvin, Privateer; Deas Richardson, Camden; Irvine Richardson and Henry B. Richardson of Pinewood, and Lynch H. Deas.

The ushers were Messrs. Henry Moore and William M. Richardson of Orangeburg.

Miss Caroline Richardson and Master Preston Manning were the ribbon bearers, preceding the bride to the altar. Miss Richardson was dressed in a dainty gown of white.

The Reception.

Immediately after the ceremony a reception was tendered the relatives and friends of the bride and groom by the bride's parents at their home on North Main Street. Three hundred guests had been invited for the occasion and there were more than two hundred and fifty present, the reception proving one of the most popular and largely attended social affairs given in the city in some time.

The house had also been decorated in pink and white and green for the occasion, carrying out the color scheme used in the church.

Receiving at the door were Mrs. Henry B. Richardson of Manning and Miss Jessie Moise. In the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Richardson and the bride and groom, who were showered with congratulations by their many friends. Mrs. Agnes Bogin served punch. Misses Emma Baker, Beatrice Sumter and Louise Carson directed the serving of the guests in the dining room.

The bride and groom left on the late night train for Columbia, from which place they will go for a trip to cities of interest in the north. On their return they will take up their residence at Summerton, where the groom is a successful young planter.

FLOOD CAUSES DISASTER.

Twenty Known Dead and 18,000 Homeless as Result of Flood in Texas.

WHOLE COUNTRY IS INUNDATED BY WATER FROM THE RIVERS WHICH ARE STILL RISING—GOVERNOR GIVES ORDERS TO SHOOT LOOTERS—BOATS RESCUING MAROONED THROUGHOUT FLOOD TERRITORY—ALL RAILROAD TRAFFIC ABANDONED.

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 4.—Twenty are known to be dead and eighteen thousand and homeless today as a result of the disastrous floods still raging in Central Texas. The property damage is estimated at \$6,000,000.

Practically all railroads in the flood districts have suspended operation. Many towns are submerged and the residents have fled to higher ground.

The exact number of victims is unknown until the water subsides. All rivers in Central Texas are overflowing their banks.

The Brazos River is five miles wide in several places. Five hundred bales of cotton have been washed away at Waxahatchie. Fifty persons in the vicinity of Hillsboro and Malone today are awaiting rescue from tree tops, while the water is rising rapidly.

Boats are rescuing the marooned victims as fast as possible. Looting of abandoned homes was reported at several places and the governor is sending out State troops for their protection with the orders, "Shoot all looters, and shoot to kill." Waco was heavily damaged. The levee at Bryan is strained to the breaking point and the whole country is inundated.

Today rescuers were moving the marooned families to a place of safety.

15,000 HOMELESS FROM FLOOD

TRINITY, BRAZOS AND COLORADO RIVERS OUT OF BANKS.

Seven Have Lost Lives—Sections of City of Waco Under Water—Property Damage \$175,000.

Dallas Texas, Dec. 3.—With three rivers, the Trinity, Brazos and Colorado and innumerable small streams, out of their banks as a result of rains, which began Monday night and still continue, the flood situation in Central Texas has assumed serious proportions. Within a territory two hundred miles in length and one hundred miles in width, practically all of the lowlands are under water; approximately 15,000 persons have been driven from their homes; scores have been rescued from treetops and floating wreckage; several railroads have been forced to suspend operations and incalculable damage has been done to property.

Seven persons are known to have lost their lives. Yesterday five members of the family of W. C. Polk, a farmer, were drowned at Belton, and B. I. Lacy and a man named Manley late today met a similar fate near Dallas. Lacy was driving stock from an overflowed field when he and his horse became entangled in a wire fence and drowned. Manley lost his life while attempting to rescue marooned victims at the village of Grand Prairie.

Waco, on the Brazos River and in the center of the flood area, today reported the most serious situations. Sections of that city are under water and it is estimated that more than 10,000 residents are homeless. Property damage is estimated in excess of \$175,000. The military companies stationed there have been ordered on duty by Governor Colquitt and ball cartridges have been issued to the guardsmen for use in the event of looting. So far there has been no disorder.

Train service out of Waco was practically cut off by washouts.

In the Leon River bottoms, near Temple, a number of men, women and children still were marooned late today after spending twenty-four hours in the trees, and tonight it was uncertain when improvised boats could be navigated through the swift water. Near Dallas boatmen today rescued a dozen persons from trees in the Trinity River bottoms and earlier in the day boats took refugees from trees near Waxahatchie and at other points.

Charitable organizations are caring for many of those made homeless. As a result, exception in isolated cases, there has been but little suffering from hunger and exposure.

The Colorado River at Austin after falling last night, today rose again, coming up at the rate of six feet an hour for a time. Three men riding on a log floated down the river at dusk, one getting into a tree far out from shore and the other two on top of the partially submerged grand stand of the baseball park. Boats were sent out to rescue the men, but were unable to locate them in the darkness. Who the men are is unknown.

Mr. J. A. Scurry and Miss Annie Lawrence of Brogdon secured a marriage license from the clerk of court Thursday morning and were married by him in his office immediately afterwards.

CLEMSON'S BEST YEAR.

OVER HALF THE 834 CADETS STUDY AGRICULTURE.

Efficient Work Has Been Done in all College Departments, President Says.

Columbia, Dec. 4.—Work done by Clemson college is shown in the annual report which was made public through the office of J. E. Swearingin, State superintendent of education. According to the report the last session was the most important and in the opinion of the faculty the most efficient and satisfactory in the history of the college.

During the past session the enrollment was 834. Of these 412 were from South Carolina and 422 from other States. The graduates numbered 74. Thirty-five of these were in the agricultural course and 39 in all other courses. In addition 38 received certificates for completion of the one-year agricultural course and three for the completion of the work boy course.

Of the total number of students enrolled 50.3 per cent were in the agricultural course; 41.2 per cent in the engineering and other courses and 8.5 per cent in the preparatory course.

Enumerating the principal achievements of the year, the report says: "The successful inauguration of the one-year agricultural course, the design and adoption of the new curriculums for all of the bachelor of science courses, the development of the Pee Dee branch experiment station."

Because of lack of funds very little building or equipping could be done.

"The work of all departments of the institution is well systematized and is a model for other State institutions," is the way the report sums up the investigations by the special legislative committee.

It is pointed out that the resources of the college for the year were \$284,748.33. The expenditures for all work by the college amounted to \$272,283.41.

The annual report was prepared by M. W. Riggs, president of the college. "It gives me pleasure to testify to a continuation of the cordial relations existing between the board of trustees and the president of the college. The mutual confidence and sympathy so essential to the success of the institution have in no way abated since my last annual report. I make special grateful acknowledgement of the assistance rendered me by the president of the board, the Hon. Alan Johnstone," says Dr. Riggs, in his report relative to the trustees of Clemson.

ADMIT NO MORE AIGRETTES.

This is Order Sent to All Collectors of Customs.

Washington, Dec. 3.—Aigrettes will not be admitted to the United States either on hats or detached, according to a final ruling today sent to all collectors of customs. Game birds will be admitted with feathers, but the feathers must be destroyed.

While there is a good deal of cotton unpicked on a few large plantations the general run of reports indicate that there is less cotton in the fields now than there has been the first week of December in several years.